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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS TRAWLER

STATE FOR SS/ N; BNDD FOR DURKIN AND BELK

AMBASSADOR BUNKER SENT FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRESIDENT THIEU
APRIL 21: BEGIN QUOTE; DEAR PRESIDENT THIEU: I WAS
DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF THE CAPTURE OF A THAI NARCOTICS
SMUGGLING VESSEL BY THE VIETNAMESE NAVY ON THURSDAY.
I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST SEIZURES OF
BULK NARCOTICS THAT HAS EVER BEEN MADE.

2. THE EFFICIENCY, COOPERATION, AND PROFESSIONAL SKILL
WHICH YOUR MARITIME AUTHORITIES DISPLAYED IN THIS OPERATION
WAS SUPERB AND I KNOW THAT THIS SEIZURE WILL GREATLY
ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AS AN ACTIVE
MEMBER OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, COMMITTED TO ERADICATING
CORRUPTION AND BUILDING A GOOD SOCIETY FOR ALL PEOPLE.
ESPECIALLY ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT, WHICH AS YOU KNOW IS
UNREMITTINGLY DEDICATED TO ELIMINATING THE THREAT OF NARCOTICS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, I SEND OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE AND
THE HOPE THAT THE INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM THIS
OPERATION MAY LEAD TO FURTHER SUCCESS IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

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3. WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, ELLSWORTH BUNKER,
AMBASSADOR, END QUOTE.
BUNKER

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